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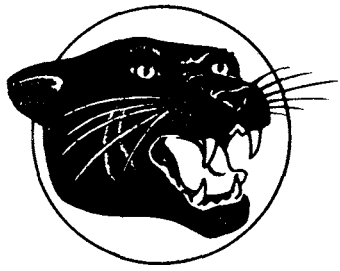
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CHARLESTON, IL--(Feb. 19, 1986)--Eastern Illinois' men's swimming team finished a busy weekend by placing third in the Southern Illinois Invitational.

"This was a low meet from the standpoint of entries," said Eastern head coach Ray Padovan. "There was supposed to be five teams competing but only three showed up."

Southern Illinois captured first place honors with Western Illinois taking second. Eastern will now prepare for their final meet of the season before nationals when they travel to Kentucky to take on Western Kentucky University.

In the SIU Invitational Elmhurst native Tom McKenna had a strong showing in the 100 and 200 yd. breaststroke events. McKenna had a time of 1:01.9 in the 100 yd., and a personal best of 2:14.9 in the 200.

Sophomore Tim Schnittker had a time of 2:15.7 in the 200 yd. backstroke. And St. Charles native Scott Conover also had a good weekend with a time of 2:01.5 in the 200 yd. butterfly and in the 1650 yd. freestyle he had a time of 17:11.

"This meet was very low in competition, but our people got second swims, which they don't normally get in a dual meet," said Padovan. "Most of our swimmers had improved times and some swam as good as they've been swimming this season," Padovan said.